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Photograph by Senior Airman Andy Kin

Tearing down

Maintainers from the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron tear down a MH-53 for the first graded part of the 16th Special Operations Wing operational readiness inspection.

Silver Star, Purple Heart bestowed to base hero

by **Jamie Haig**
Contract writer

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Reilly, a combat controller with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for his actions in Afghanistan during a ceremony at the Hurlburt Field Air Park April 11.

Gen. Michael Wooley, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, presented the medals to Sergeant Reilly, exactly one year after surviving a grueling firefight and saving a teammate's life

in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Reilly was awarded the medals for his medical expertise, marksmanship skills, air traffic control experience and saving a teammates life.

"It's an auspicious day for valorous actions," said Lt. Col. Bradley Thompson, commander of the 23rd STS. "Brad is the epitome of the quiet professional."

Assigned to an operational detachment, Sergeant Reilly was part of a quick-response force that responded to an ambush by the Anti Coalition

Militia. Their target was Gen. Khil Baz, the new border battalion commander.

Two helicopters, each carrying 10 men, headed into the mountains.

"We pretty much assumed it would be over by the time we got there," said Sergeant Reilly. "Due to the timing, we didn't expect to find a firefight."

After locating and securing the safety of General Baz, the teams obtained information on the enemy and searched for the insurgents.

One of the helicopters

landed and took fire. The enemy was 30-50 feet higher than the team, but the troops fought their way to the top.

After securing the area, Sergeant Reilly and Army Special Forces Master Sgt. Paul Cooper noticed more enemy fire coming from below them.

While advancing in the new direction of fire, Sergeant Reilly was shot in the foot and Sergeant Cooper in both legs.

They took cover behind a

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Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek
Tech. Sergeant Bradley Reilly, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, received a Silver Star and Purple Heart Tuesday.

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Do a good job – people do notice

by Lt. Col. James Boyd
16th MDG

Twenty eight years have now passed since I arrived at my first base as an airman basic, fresh out of technical school and eager to become a part of the "real Air Force." I've held several jobs during those seven years of enlisted and 21 years of officer service, in two branches of the military. What have I learned over that time that could be of value to troops of all ranks and career fields in becoming the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders?

Excel at your job regardless of your career field. Whether you are an airman basic or colonel, people up and down your chain of command do notice how well you perform. Remember that every job is important to success in our mission to defend our country. Learn your

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job to the best of your ability; be reliable and willing to take on extra responsibility. Yes, taking on more does mean more work, but advancement goes to those that can get the job done. You should strive to be that "go to" person. It'll pay off.

When those quarterly award packages come around, your name will start to be considered. Your Enlisted Performance Reviews and Officer Performance Reviews will get easier to write, and promotions will come faster. By mastering the details of your job, studying for promotion tests will only be a review rather than having to learn details

that you should already know. Always do your best. You never know when or where great opportunities may come your way because somebody noticed the way you do your job.

Supervisors, be fair and take care of your troops, especially the junior ones. Take them aside and let them know how they are doing and give them that encouraging nudge. Let them know you do see how well they perform. Make sure they know how they fit into the "big picture" and understand how the Air Force works.

One of my most discouraging times in the Air Force occurred when I was told one day that I would have to leave the aircraft I was a crew chief on and go work in the tire shop. I had been working hard to do a good job, and here I

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What are you doing with your tax return?

by Capt.
Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

An Airman walked into my office the other day excited about the new flat-panel television he was about to purchase. Curious as to how the Airman could afford such an extravagance, I asked how he'd pay for such a pricey item.

He smiled and said, "I'm buying it with my tax return money."

I've taken it as my life mission to help young troops avoid the pitfalls of modern personal finance. Be it insurance scams or predatory auto dealers, I believe it's incumbent upon supervisors, officers and co-workers to help our up-and-coming Airmen

prepare for a secure financial future.

Using one's tax return money for a brief pick-me-up at the local electronics store is tempting.

I'll admit that in my younger days, I once blew a check from Uncle Sam like a rock star trying to make the cover of a tabloid. But I've learned my lesson, and I hope to help you resist the temptation.

So what should you do with your refund check? First, let's make one thing clear: the check you receive after filing your taxes is a tax "return" or "refund" — the money in that check didn't materialize out of thin air, it was yours all along!

There are a wealth of financial experts out there

with different opinions as to what you should do if you're expecting a tax refund.

The one common denominator is this: if you have credit card debt of any kind, it's imperative that you attack that albatross first. Credit card debt is like a bad infection; it'll eat you alive if you're not careful. With the average American carrying well over \$5,000 in debt at an average rate of 18 percent, there are few investments that will serve you as well as retiring the platinum card. Paying off credit card debt should always be first on your list.

If you're still reading you must have zero credit card debt and a fully funded retirement portfolio...good for you! Here

are some other wealth-generating ideas for your tax refund: start or fully fund a Roth IRA or other retirement plans; pay down your mortgage, start a college savings plan for your children; start or beef-up a "rainy-day" fund; fix your car; give a portion to charity; open a brokerage account and buy solid, dividend-paying stocks; purchase new energy-saving appliances or windows; or invest in yourself by learning a skill or finishing a degree program.

No matter what you choose to do, think about the long-term implications.

Is this something that will cost you more money or something that will make you money?

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ORI preparation

Lifesaving steps that may save

Use extreme care when treating injuries in a contaminated environment, as different rules may apply. Remember the simple 'A B C D E' of lifesaving:

Airway
Breathing

Circulation
Disability
Exposure

Steps when a person is injured:

-Establish an open airway (if possible neck injury, ensure airway opened using the jaw thrust

maneuver, don't turn head)

-Ensure breathing
-Stop bleeding to support circulation
-Prevent further disability by immobilizing neck injuries, placing dressings over open wounds and splinting obvious limb deformities
-Minimize further exposure to adverse weather

For more information, refer to page 177 in the Airman's Manual.

16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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DUI Tracker

April 14 - 20 : 0 DUI
This year: 10
DUIs for 2005: 31
Last DUI: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

Days since last DUI: 22

16th OG ... 46
16th MXG ... 22
16th MSG ... 62
16th MDG ... 463

Totals are current as of April 20
Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844
Potential saves this year: 200

AFSOC SWIPE test featured at JEFX 06

by Capt. Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

During Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 06, eight initiatives will be tested for possible use by U.S. forces Monday - April 28.

For the special operations community, one initiative in particular aims to give them a greater ability to collaborate with other warfighters and manage their missions using new software packages built into wearable computers and communication systems.

"The SOF Warfighter Process Enhancements (SWIPE) builds on existing wireless communications networks to allow Special Forces teams to better plan and execute their missions," said Luis Tirado, the AFSOC JEFX program manager.

SWIPE isn't a stand-alone system, it's simply the umbrella term for four enhancements to the special operations toolkit.

The four components — the Special Operations Tactical Network, Remote Sensor-Iridium, Geographic Suitability Assessment Tool, and Command and Control Mission Manager — combine to give SOF teams enhanced mission-planning and execution capabilities.

"At JEFX, we'll test the four components to validate how they'll be used by SOF teams in an actual combat situation," Tirado explained.

"If they work as we suspect, then they'll be integrated into the computers our teams use as soon as possible."

Using standard military software and secure wireless networks, the Special Operations Tactical Network portion of SWIPE brings new collaboration tools to small teams in the field. The software package has a "white-

board" function so teams can share data and images, chat functions and video capability.

Using a wireless network, team members located in remote areas can "daisy-chain" information from one person to the next, providing seamless command and control for SOF team leaders.

Satellite-based communication may be the only way for geographically isolated SOF teams to get information to and from a higher headquarters. The Remote Sensor-Iridium portion of the SWIPE initiative is a sensor approximately the size of shoe box that can be hidden in an area and then report data via the Iridium satellites in near real-time.

While unattended, it can automatically feed data back to mission planners or the Combined Air Operations Center.

Using a series of databases, the Geographic Suitability Assessment Tool graphically illustrates threats anywhere on the globe. Planners can look at a map of a particular region and easily discern key data such as chemical or biological threats, weather and soil types, as well as topology.

The Command and Control Mission Manager is a web-based application that automates the process for SOF teams to request air support. It allows mission planners to work off-line (with no internet or radio connection) and later upload their requests to coordinating authorities as needed.

"These four components of SWIPE aren't just nice features to have," said Mr. Tirado. "They're the next generation of capabilities for our Special Operations warfighters — JEFX 06 will help us to refine and prepare these systems for Team Hurlburt to employ worldwide."



Photograph by Staff Sgt. Mareshah Haynes

Out with the old

823rd RED HORSE Airmen take down old feeder power lines April 6 that provided power to Hurlburt Field from Eglin Air Force base. The thousands of pounds of cables will be collected by the Hurlburt Field recycling center, and the resulting money will be put back into the base.

AFPC mandates emergency data update

Courtesy of AFPC

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Effective now Airmen must designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The PADD designation will become a part of the member's Record of Emergency Data as required by law.

Most Airmen will add their PADD

information to their virtual Record of Emergency Data by following the instructions in the Virtual MPF. Personnel at deployed locations need to contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their record.

Organizations using the DD Form 93 or the United States Air Force Academy Form 0143 to record emergency data must ensure Airmen are briefed on this new requirement and designate their PADD in the remarks

section. PADD information should include the designated person's name, relationship to member, address with zip code and telephone number.

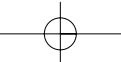
The PADD will be responsible for the disposition of remains only. The member is still required to designate separately the recipient(s) of any other benefits and entitlements.

For more information or for questions concerning the PADD designation, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

Update schedule

Airmen, identified by the last digit in their Social Security Number, should update their records on the following dates:

- 1 March 28 to April 3
- 2 April 4 - 10
- 3 April 11-14
- 4 April 15 - 19
- 5 April 20 - 24
- 6 April 25 - 28
- 7 April 29 to May 3
- 8 May 4 - 9
- 9 May 10 - 15
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40-year anniversary

Airman 1st Class Pitsenbarger died helping others in jungles of Vietnam

by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp
Superintendent, public affairs

Tuesday was the 40th anniversary of the heroic actions of William H. Pitsenbarger, a pararescueman who received the Medal of Honor posthumously in December 2000 for his actions in the jungles of Vietnam.

Honored in the pararescue community, Pitsenbarger is known for leaving the relative security of the HH-43 Huskey helicopter and being lowered through the jungle canopy into a raging firefight between the Viet Cong and the Soldiers of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division near Cam My, a few miles east of Saigon.

"Amid the gloom and waste of war, we see, occasionally, a brief but brilliant flash of personal valor — of heroism so radiant that it lights up everything and everyone near it," said former Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters during the Medal of Honor ceremony held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "Even more occasionally, we see one of those flashes so sustained that it outlasts the dark night of war and is visible to us even in the brilliant sunshine of peace. Such is the heroism of Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger."

The Medal of Honor recipient has a special place in the heart of a chief master sergeant who works in the retiree activities office at Hurlburt Field. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Ren Vigare was Pitsenbarger's supervisor from September 1963 to August 1964 when they were stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. The now-closed base 45 miles north of San Francisco is where the chief last saw the Airman.

"He was a natural born leader, especially with his counterparts," Chief Vigare said by phone Tuesday. "Everything he did, he did right."

Chief Vigare was sent to Vietnam with the first group of pararescuemen, but Pitsenbarger had to wait. "That's what he was put out about," Vigare said. "He was at my house at night begging to go."

Later on, one of the Airmen who went with the chief needed to return in 1965, and Pitsenbarger was selected as the out-of-cycle replacement, Vigare said.

Although the chief didn't remember speaking to his former subordi-



Courtesy photograph

Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger in the doorway of an aircraft.

nate again, even after arriving in country, he said they would pass information back and forth.

Chief Vigare has 243 hours in the same aircraft that Pitsenbarger left that April afternoon. Pitsenbarger's death, at just 21 years old, was sadening, but it was a reality of the career field.

"It was very strongly felt in the PJ community, especially among those who knew him," the chief said. "It was hard, but that's what happens when you play with the big boys."

Retired Lt. Col. Harold Salem, from Mesa, Ariz., was the pilot of the helicopter Pitsenbarger flew on. They flew together for about six months, he said. Salem explained that Pitsenbarger wanted to go down to organize the evacuation effort.

"We all (the crew) talked about it," Salem said to a few of the Charlie Company survivors after the Medal of Honor ceremony.

The pilot said he expressed some reservations about it, but the decision was made to put the pararescueman on the ground.

The Soldiers below were unsure of what to make of the Airman descending into the firefight.

At the Medal of Honor presentation ceremony, Kenneth Alderson, a first lieutenant that fateful day in 1966, said, "When I saw him (Pitsenbarger) coming down, I thought 'Does he really know what he's getting into?'"

Charlie Epperson, a specialist 4 in Charlie Company back in '66, had lost

some fingers, a piece of his arm and had shrapnel in his leg. Mr. Epperson recalled that when Pitsenbarger got on the ground, "He assigned jobs — he took over."

For the next 90 minutes or so, Mr. Epperson recalled helping Pitsenbarger drag two injured soldiers out of harm's way.

For the next hour and a half, Pitsenbarger attended to wounded soldiers, hacking splints out of snarled vines and building improvised stretchers out of saplings.

"It was getting toward dark the last time I saw him (Pitsenbarger) alive. He was running off to help some guys from 3rd Platoon," he said.

When the others began running low on ammunition, he gathered ammo clips from the dead and distributed them to those still alive. Then, he joined the others with a rifle to hold off the Viet Cong. Pitsenbarger was killed later that night. When his body was recovered the next day, one hand still held a rifle and the other clutched a medical kit.

"It came as no surprise to anyone who knew him that Bill Pitsenbarger chose to descend from the relative safety of his helicopter into the midst of a mounting firefight," Peters said during the Medal of Honor ceremony. "And, in his last great act of valor, Bill Pitsenbarger had at least six opportunities to save himself — to return to safety. But each time, he chose instead to stay and help people who desperately needed his assistance."

Pitsenbarger was the second person to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism that Easter weekend in the jungle near Cam My. Army Sgt. James W. Robinson Jr. was posthumously honored for his gallantry while a member of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, on April 11, 1966.

His commander, Maj. Maurice Kessler, called him, "One of a special breed. Alert and always ready to go on any mission."

He was later posthumously promoted to staff sergeant. The U.S. Navy has also named a chartered ship, the MV A1C William H. Pitsenbarger. The ship prepositions Air Force ammunition at sea near potential war or contingency sites.

(Editors note: Some material taken from Air Force News Agency and the Air Force History Support Office)



U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate
3rd Class Ronald Gutridge

OKINAWA, Japan - Builder 3rd Class Kevin Hoeltzel assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four Seabees mans a hasty perimeter during a field exercise in Okinawa's central training area. NMCB-4 is onboard Camp Shields in Okinawa for a scheduled Pacific deployment.

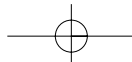
Brothers In Arms

Navy

SASEBO, Japan - USS Tortuga and USS Fort McHenry completed an exchange-of-command process April 12 in Sasebo, Japan, which officially welcomed Tortuga to the Forward-Deployed Naval Forces. Exchange of command is part of the Navy's long-range plan to routinely replace older ships assigned to the Navy's FDNF with newer or more-capable ships.

Marines

UP PARK CAMP, Jamaica - Marines led service members from 15 countries in security training exercises here, Thursday, as part of the ongoing Tradewinds 2006 joint exercise. Augments from the Marine Corps Security Force Training Company, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, led the exercise. The training marks the second phase of a three-year plan in preparation for the 2007 World Cup of Cricket.



Autism awareness month: putting puzzle pieces together

by Master Sgt.
Frank Dailey
AFSOC IG

We were stationed in England the first time we heard the word autism associated with our son.

Of course, we thought of the young child detached from the world, rocking back and forth. The characteristics we thought were associated with autism was emotionless detachment.

Our son was far from that.

It wasn't until we continued to have problems at our next assignment, we learned that autism has a broad spectrum of characteristics from the severe detached and isolated behavior to extremely

verbal and hypersensitive characteristics.

Those who receive an autistic diagnosis are as different as the colors of the rainbow. It is for that reason the autism awareness symbol is different colored puzzle pieces. Each one is different and it takes time to put the pieces together.

For my family, the first step was accepting that our son was not just a hyperactive or a difficult child. Realizing that our son's difficulty was not a reflection on our parenting or a failure on our part, things finally started to get better.

Help came in the form of educators, counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists and

support from parents of other children in the same situation. From them we were finally able to see the colors of the rainbow.

Before long we were putting together the pieces of my son's puzzle; he had Aspergers Syndrome, a hypersensitivity to noise, touch and stress. It wasn't the actual event that stressed him out but the anticipation of an event that would cause crippling anxiety.

With the help of our psychiatrist, we were able to work on our son's problems by conditioning him to read people's non-verbal communications.

Last year, the stress of middle school became so bad

we had to do home education with the school system.

With the help of his current teachers and school leadership, he is back in a regular class and doing great.

Once all of the people who influenced my son's life came to understand him better, the pieces of the puzzle became a plan on how to help him reach his potential.

Finally, my wife is my son's advocate at school, home and especially with me. There hasn't been a school that my son has been in that didn't know her. She held her ground and made sure my son got the same education as the others. She ensured that our son's teachers attended workshops and were educat-

ed on the specifics of his difficulties. She set up the house to organize our son and ensured he had all he needed to grow and learn.

Finally, she had the hardest job of all, making sure that I left my stripes at the door and became Dad when dealing with our son. As our son grows, we teach him all that we have learned about the puzzle affecting his life. The more we know, the closer to the mainstream he comes. This year, he is an A/B student and has social interaction with the other kids. Last weekend he competed in a chess tournament, and won second place for his age class. The puzzle is coming together and it's a beautiful life.

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Commanders serve 18 Articles 15

During the month of March, Hurlburt Field commanders served 18 Articles 15 to the following Airmen:

16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

-A senior airman was given a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman and 45 days extra duty for failure to go, wearing a tongue ring in uniform, sleeping on duty and disobeying a senior NCO.

-A senior airman was given a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to maintain a valid driver's license and automobile insurance while driving on base.

-A master sergeant was given forfeiture of \$650 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for sexual harassment.

-An airman first class was given a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking and making a false official statement.

-A technical sergeant was given a suspended reduction to staff sergeant and forfeiture of \$160 pay per month for two months for larceny.

-An airman first class was given a reduction to airman, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking and soliciting alcohol.

-An airman first class was given a reduction to airman, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for providing alcohol to a minor and consuming alcohol while on weekend standby duty.

16th Communications Squadron

-A senior airman was given a suspended reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months and 30 days correctional custody for failure to go.

16th Component Maintenance Squadron

-An airman was given a reduction to airman basic for wrongful use of marijuana.

-A staff sergeant was given a suspended reduction to senior airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for providing alcohol to a minor.

-A senior airman was given a suspended reduction to airman first class, seven days extra duty and a reprimand for sleeping while on duty.

16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

-An airman first class was given a reduction to airman and 45 days extra duty for failure to go, drinking within eight hours of duty and being incapacitated for the performance of his duties.

-A staff sergeant was given a suspended reduction to senior airman and a reprimand for failing to pay debts and making a false official statement.

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Photograph by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp

And the survey says

Airman Ryan McGoldrick, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Senior Airman Jasmin Rath, 919th CES, take global positioning system points April 3 for a topographical survey along Cruz Avenue.

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Behind the Badge

16th SFS, security guards respond to vehicle accidents, drugs on base

by Tech. Sgt.
Parrish Hollingsworth
16th SFS

Invalid credentials

The visitor center notified the law enforcement desk a civilian was attempting to access the installation with possibly invalid credentials. A patrol responded, and the subject admitted his Florida identification card was fraudulent. A deputy arrived on scene and took control of the situation.

Narcotics

A U.S. Protect guard radioed the law enforcement desk and stated while conducting 100 percent identification checks she noticed an odor of possible narcotics in a vehicle. The guard conducted a search of the vehicle and discovered a small amount of marijuana, a small amount of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. A patrol arrived on scene and conducted a thorough search of the individual and vehicle, but found no other items. The law enforcement desk called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, who were briefed and responded.

A deputy arrived on scene, arrested the subject and took him to Okaloosa County Jail for further processing.

Suspended license

A civilian contractor approached the main gate during 100 percent identification checks. The guard requested to see identification and the subject produced a Florida driver's license. The law enforcement desk processed subject's license, which revealed it was suspended due to failure to pay a traffic fine.

A deputy responded, issued the subject a no trespass order, notice to appear and instructed him not to drive.

Theft of property

A military member reported the theft of personal property. The Airman stated his parent's house key and a cellular phone were taken from his vehicle. The approximate value of the missing property was \$200. Security forces continues to investigate.

Illegal immigrant

A U.S. Protect guard radioed the law enforcement desk to report the identification of a subject appeared to be invalid. The law enforcement desk processed the subject's driver's license, which revealed a warrant for an immigration violation—failure to appear for removal.

Contact was made with Immigra-

tion and Customs Enforcement, who requested the subject be held by Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. A deputy arrived and took custody of the subject.

Suspicious people

A police patrol detected two suspicious individuals in the family camping area. The subjects had open containers of alcohol in their vehicle and no military affiliation.

Deputies responded and cited both individuals for possession of open containers, and escorted them off the installation.

Disturbance

An Airman called to report an individual outside his dorm room harassing him. A patrol made contact with complainant, who said he was at the dining facility when one of his friends noticed the subject spitting on his car. The subject later went to the complainant's dorm room and began

to kick his door, and yell for him to come out.

The first sergeants for both individuals were contacted and briefed of the situation. No further security forces action was necessary.

Vehicle incidents

A guard at the East Gate notified the law enforcement desk of an individual who was involved in a motorcycle accident. A police patrol made contact with the driver, who stated he did not need any medical assistance. Further investigation revealed the subject did not have a motorcycle driver's license and had not taken the motorcycle safety class. The driver was cited for not having a motorcycle license and speeds too fast for road conditions.

Security forces responded to one minor vehicle accident and four fire alarms.

Did You Know?

Seat belts must be worn correctly by everyone in your vehicle. Personnel are not allowed to ride in the cargo area of trucks.

Contact police services at 884-6185 if you have any questions.

Help Wanted

If you have any information concerning a crime please call the Security Forces Control Center at 884-7777.



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Historian returns to his Army roots

by **Jamie Haig**
Contract writer

The 16th Special Operations Wing History Office chief leaves Hurlburt Field today to be the director of the Army Aviation Center History Office at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

John Dabrowski has spent more than eight years documenting the history of the Air Commandos, as well as assisting with numerous inquiries into the past.

"I've seen a lot of changes in the past eight and half years," said Mr. Dabrowski. "Everything from adding new squadrons, to new platforms to combat search and rescue."

His office answers the various inquiries that come in from around the command and the world.

"We get a lot of inquiries for past operations," he said. "A report from Operation Provide Comfort was utilized a decade later, due to its similarities to a current operation."

Mr. Dabrowski also responded to a call from the former Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, to all Air Force history offices to help improve combat readiness in the Air Force.

An example he gave was right after the September 11

attacks.

"The wing commander asked for a study that talked about the Soviets in Afghanistan," he said. "The Soviet helicopters were being ambushed from Afghans in the mountains. He thought the information might prove helpful."

His other duties include monitoring the activity of the Hurlburt Field Air Park and providing procedures and documentation for bringing in weapons back from theatre.

"This way, items used in a museum or display are properly documented," he said.

Going to a Army installation will not be a new experience for the historian.

Mr. Dabrowski has 29 years of service with the Army, and currently serves as a colonel in the Army Reserves.

"I'd like to get back to Army roots," Mr. Dabrowski said. "It's a symbiotic fit – hand in glove – going to work at Ft. Rucker."

Although he's happy about the new assignment, he will miss his colleagues at Hurlburt Field.

"It's been a pleasure working with such fine wing commanders and staff," said Mr. Dabrowski. "While looking forward to new challenges, I'll miss working with Master Sgt. Jeff Michalke."

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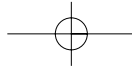
The Webmail access from the Hurlburt Field Web site (www.hurlburt.af.mil) was removed during the recent redesign to comply with new Air Force guidance.

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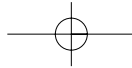
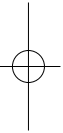
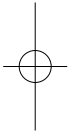
to the general public."

Anyone who uses Webmail, can still access their accounts through the direct address: <https://webmail.hurlburt.af.mil>.

For more information, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.



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Free summer camp for military teens

Courtesy 16th SVS

An educational adventure camp with a military flair for eligible teens, ages 13 -15 will be held June 7-14.

Operation Purple, sponsored by the Eglin and Hurlburt Field Youth Centers, will take participants on a journey through the state of Florida from the Panhandle to the Keys. Campers are placed on teams where they take on challenges in kayaking, snorkeling, caving and many more adventures along the 1,600 mile journey.

The Operation Purple program is designed to introduce campers to the processes their military parents would go through when embarking on a military mission.

Students will be shown how equipment and gear are issued, how briefings are presented and how important teamwork is to accomplish a mission. They will also learn

how to set up a camp, proper food preparation and sanitation methods, and equipment and personal clothing care techniques.

A limited number of slots are also available for older teen mentors, ages 16-18, who want to be part of the experience and assist as volunteers.

They will receive three days of specialized training and acquire volunteer hours, which can be applied to the state college scholarship program. Mentor application forms are available at either youth center.

For more details about the camp or the mentoring slots, call Del Mucci, Hurlburt Field Youth Programs Director, at 884-6938.

Interested teens of any service member in the uniformed services may apply now through May 1.

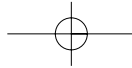
Forms are available at: www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=op_florida.

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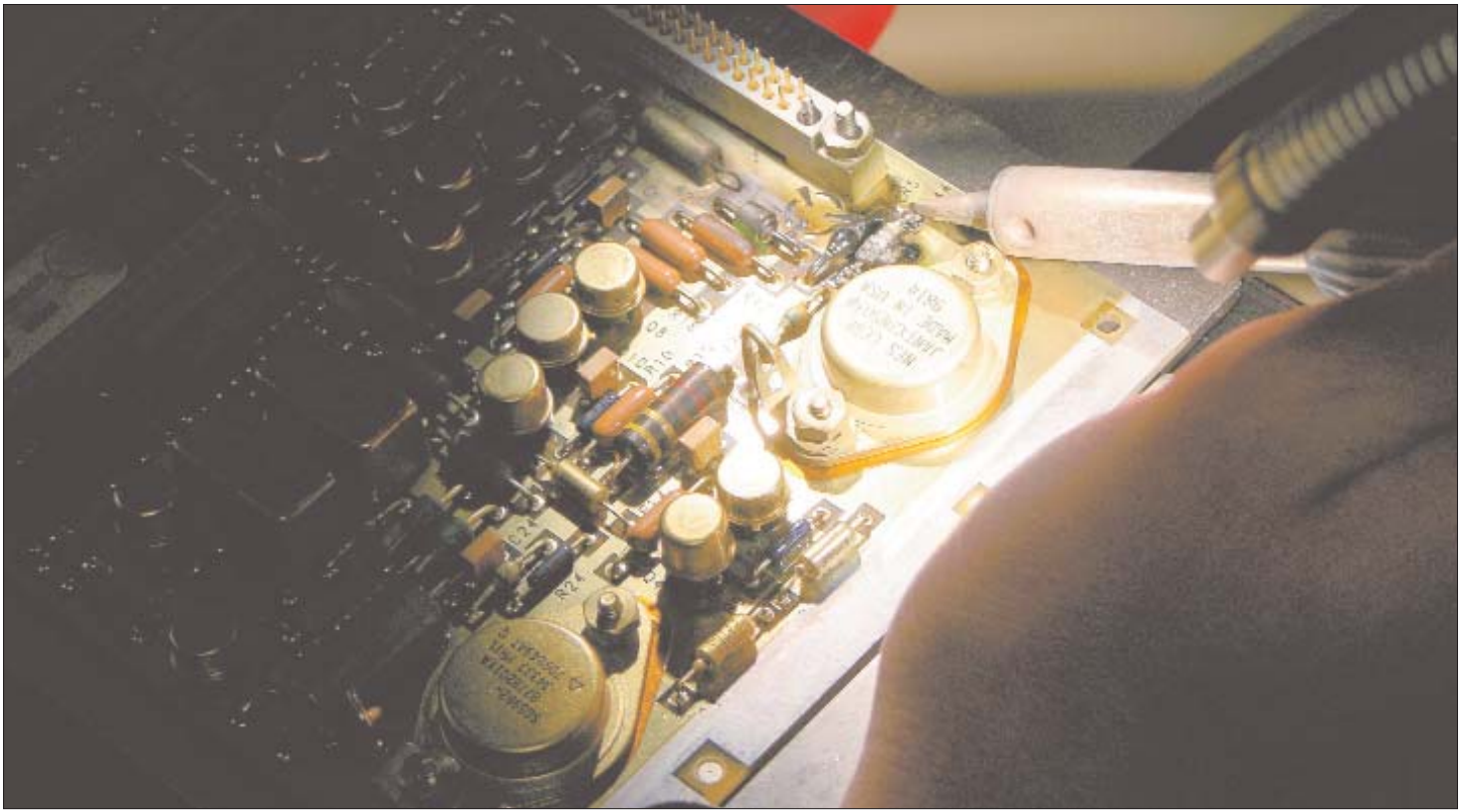
Look who's new in pink and blue

The following is a list of children recently born to members of Team Hurlburt:

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Staff Sgt. Matthew Turines fixes a broken circuit card in the shop.

Photograph by Airman 1st Class James Dickens

Program saving base money with repairs

by Airman 1st Class
James Dickens
Editor

Chances are you've used something on base that was purchased by the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program – a program that has saved more than \$500,000 this fiscal year alone.

Repairing mission capable parts is the biggest priority of the AFREP. It's not uncommon for this program to keep our planes in the air, and the mission moving forward. The program makes money by taking items that would normally be thrown away and repairing them. These parts could cost thousands of dollars to replace.

The idea for the program came from the Navy, which was flying broken parts from ships to other locations get them repaired. The Navy trained a team of Sailors who could actually repair the parts on board.

Gold Flag was the name of the first Air Force in house repair program, which was later changed to AFREP.

Hurlburt Field's group is a five-

person hand-selected maintenance team trained to fix just about anything that can break – from televisions to circuit boards on weapon's systems. The group's motto is, "It ain't broke unless we can't fix it!"

"Our objective here is to repair the part and get it back into supply," said Staff Sgt. Tommy Moorehead.

The program receives approximately 40-50 items a month, and is able to repair around 60 percent of them. They have repaired 127 items this fiscal year alone.

"Generally we can get a repair done in weeks, compared to months it takes to get some parts," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Howard.

To encourage unit participation in the program, a new incentive program has been created.

"Any squadron that submits something to us to be repaired will get back 10 percent of the funds that are generated," said Sergeant Howard.

"These funds are for the squadron and can be used for anything as long as it goes along with (Air Force Instruction)."

AFREP also gives maintainers a



Photograph by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Howard

Staff Sgt. Matthew Turines works on a television in the shop.

chance to learn new things and expand their skills.

"I used to turn wrenches on generators, now I get a chance to see all kinds of stuff," said Staff Sgt.

Matthew Turines. "It has really broadened my horizons."

For more information or to send an item to the shop, call the AFREP shop at 884-3800.

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tree where Sergeant Reilly tried to stop the bleeding in Sergeant Cooper's legs. At the same time he reloaded the guns, returned fire and called for air support.

"I told the helicopters 'if you can see us, then get in here,'" said Sergeant Reilly.

Army Sergeant First Class Jubal Day, a Special Forces medic, went down the mountain to aid the two injured men.

"I was relieved to see him," said Sergeant Reilly. "That's where the real life-saving got done."

The call was made for a

medical evacuation, but there was still heavy enemy fire on the hill.

"One of the helicopter pilots told us that the enemy was coming up the side at us," said Sergeant Cooper. "The pilot told Sergeant Reilly to put them (the helicopter) between us and the enemy. So he did."

"I looked up to see both gunners standing straight up, firing down at the enemy," Sergeant Reilly said.

"That act alone helped us out a lot."

Army Capt. Brian Dowling, Special Forces team

leader, instructed the teams to get down the hill and clear the path for the medevac helicopter.

"Just before the helicopter came into range, we opened fire for five minutes," said Captain Dowling. "It allowed the helicopter to fast rope in a medic and a stretcher to retrieve the men."

The injured men returned to the base and were stabilized before flying to other bases for additional medical care.

Recovered from his injuries, Sergeant Reilly is ready to go out there and do it again.

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was getting "fired" from what I loved doing. No one bothered to tell me that it was just a temporary six-month assignment and that most junior Airmen are routinely needed to fill various side jobs on a rotating basis. I was quite distressed for about six weeks until I figured out what happened. Don't let that happen to your people, especially those in their first two years of service.

Chase your dreams and encourage others to do so as well, whether in or out of the military. I never gave much thought to a "career" in the military.

With every job I have held, I really enjoyed where I was and what I was doing, and just kept striving for the next interesting job or position. In my case, military service fit quite nicely with my goals. I started college with the encouragement of family and fellow Airmen while I was a senior airman. Nearing college graduation, I realized that I actually had a chance to fly in those cool jet aircraft that I had been working on - a dream of mine since I was a kid.

I applied and was accepted for navigator flight training. I had six fantastic years flying all over the world.

Then I achieved my next goal, a career in medicine. With the exception of my college degree, I received my training directly from the military - technical school, flight training and medical school.

Master your job and go after those dreams, whether it's the next promotion or a major career change.

The Air Force can provide great opportunity for upward mobility. Keep pushing to achieve your goals, always strive for excellence, and you will soon become one of our next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders.

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The wealthy didn't get their fortunes buying items at the mall.

No matter what your

rank, it's important for you to look out for your fellow Airman when they're tempted by the comforts of instant

gratification.

Help your troops make sound financial decisions with their tax refund.

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ment.

16th Logistics Readiness Squadron

-A senior airman was given forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for driving while under the influence of alcohol and being incapacitated for duty.

-A Senior Airman was given a suspended reduction to Airman First Class, forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand for misuse of the government

credit card.

16th Medical Operations Squadron

-A staff sergeant was given a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeitures of \$150 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to accurately and truthfully document an annual fitness evaluation and making a false official statement.

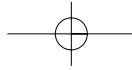
16th Special Operation Squadron

-A staff sergeant was given a suspended reduction to sen-

ior airman, forfeiture of \$508 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to obey a lawful order and making false official statements.

Air Force Special Operations Command

-A senior master sergeant was given a reduction to master sergeant, suspended forfeiture of \$1,866 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for adultery, making a false official statement and engaging in an unprofessional relationship.



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Military

Change of command

Col. Steven Hammock will take command of the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron from Col. James Lyon at 11:30 a.m. April 20 in the RED HORSE compound. Uniform of the day is flight suit or battle dress uniform.

Incorrect deductions

Approximately 207 Hurlburt Field Airmen, mostly officers, had \$100 erroneously deducted from their end-of-month March pay for Montgomery GI Bill contributions. The Air Force Personnel Center and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services are currently working the issue and expect to resolve it by end-of-month April pay.

Military Appreciation

The VFW Post 11367, Spectre Post, located at 3050 Hwy. 98 West, will host Military Appreciation Day from noon - 4 p.m. May 20. Enjoy an open house, food and family fun. For more information, call Karen Warden at 883-7341.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony will be held 1:30 p.m. today in the 19th Special Operations Squadron, room 328C, to honor Master Sgt. Marshall Mosley Jr. Guests are asked to arrive early due to building security. The uniform of the day is battle dress uniform.

CONUS list

The enlisted quarterly assignment listings for Airmen returning from overseas and continental U.S. mandatory movers from August to October are now available. Assignment preferences must be updated by April 27. Airmen may view the list at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Supply training

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron has several supply customer block training classes online. Training exercises will be graded and upon receiving a satisfactory score, a certificate of training completion will be forwarded to the individual.

Training may be accessed at <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/16sow/16msg/16lrs/lgrs/training.shtml>.

Equipment management training is available at <http://online.afit.edu/msg>. For more information, call the 16th LRS at 884-1104 or 884-4055.

EEO Advisor

Arnetha Welcome is the installation



Photograph by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp

Final steps

Luis Mejia and Darci Junior, employees of Paving Stone Company, lay bricks on the walkway between the Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters and the 16th Special Operations Wing building. The project has been under construction for more than a year but is nearing completion.

commander's chief advisor on equal employment opportunity matters and serves as the base alternative dispute resolution champion and overall base special emphasis program manager. For more information, call Ms. Welcome at 884-6691.

Community

VA fraud

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services is gathering personal information on veterans and providing benefits and general information. This organization and their Web site is not affiliated with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 of the United States Code should be reported to michael.daugherty2a@va.gov.

Sexual assault

Sexual Assault Awareness Day will be 2 p.m. Monday on the boardwalk on Okaloosa Island. The Hurlburt Field sexual assault prevention office and other local organizations will have information on prevention and community resources. For more information, call 884-7272.

Basewide e-mails

All basewide e-mail requests should be sent to the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office instead of the 16th Communications Squadron.

The new e-mail address is: 16sow.pa.basewide@hurlburt.af.mil. For more information, call the public affairs office at 884-7464.

Free concert

A free outdoor concert will be at 3:30 p.m. April 21 near the patio area of J.R. Rockers. Admission is free to all Department of Defense identification card holders and their guests. No coolers, backpacks or pets are permitted. In the event of inclement weather, the

concert will be held inside J.R. Rockers. For more information, call 884-6469.

Hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste collection day is 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 21. Bring items to the Hurlburt Field hazardous waste collection facility, building 90523, located on RED HORSE road behind the Aderholt Fitness Center. For more information, call 884-4651.

Holy Week schedule

The following is a list of Hurlburt Field chapel services:

Friday
Catholic - Stations of the Cross, Noon;
Good Friday mass, 7 p.m.
Protestant - Good Friday service, 3 p.m.
Saturday
Catholic - Easter vigil mass, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday
Protestant - Sunrise service, 6 a.m.,
Soundside by the water
Sunday services will be held at their regular times.

Family Fest

The Hurlburt Field Family Fest and Annual Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the community park.

Free rides, crafts, games, entertainment and giveaways are part of the family-oriented fun. For more information, call 884-6355.

Cookie challenge

Enter a previously unpublished recipe in the annual Air Force Cookie Challenge. Categories include holiday or special occasions, no-bake cookies, healthy cookies and cookie maker specials.

Registration forms and guidelines are on line at www.afcommunityprograms.com.

Deadline for entries is April 28. For more information, call (888) 801-7210, ext. 8508844597.

At the movies

Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children age 6 and older. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Base theater - 884-7648

Friday - Freedomland (R) A white woman blames an African-American man for the death of her son, but a white reporter and an African-American detective think otherwise.

Saturday - Eight Below (PG) Inspired by a true story, this is an action-adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The story is of three members of a scientific expedition who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.

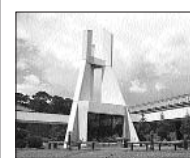
Sunday - Date Movie (PG-13) The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, the very British Grant Fonck-yerdoder. But before they can have their big fat greek wedding, they'll have to meet the parents, hook-up with the wedding planner, and contend with a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her best friend's wedding.

(Editors note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone number is provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

Base chapel

Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 - 5 p.m., or by request
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September - May
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)



Religious
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August - May
Youth and
Singles groups
available
Jewish Services
(882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844. Don't drink and drive.

24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field - 884-6322
Air Force - (800) 538-8429
Department of Defense - (800) 424-9098

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Parent-teen camp

The U.S. Air Force Academy will host the second annual parent/teen outdoor adventure camp June 25 – July 2 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Interested applicants must complete an application form and each parent and teen must write a one-page essay on a selected topic. Deadline for submissions is Monday. For more information, call Steve Jerome at 884-3734.

Spouses' club

The Hurlburt Spouses' Club will hold its annual Hurlburt Field Spouses Club Scholarship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday in The Soundside. Seven scholarships will be presented to local high school students. The cost is \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. No childcare will be provided. Reservations must be made by today. For more information, call Karin Heaton at 515-0371.

Travel expo

Information, Tickets & Travel will host a travel expedition 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. April 26 in The Soundside. Vendors will offer a variety of information and more than \$8,000 in door prizes will be given away.

Admission is free and open to Department of Defense identification card holders and their guests. A pasta lunch will be served for \$5. For more information, call 884-6795.

Federal job search

Learn about the different procedures

for researching and applying for Federal Civil Service positions with all branches and agencies 9-11 a.m. April 21 in the family support center. For more information, call 884-5441.

Your own boss

Learn the inside track on what it will take to make a business a success 9 a.m. April 26 in the family support center. For more information, call 884-5441.

Classes

Education information

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and the Virtual Military Personnel Flight at <https://www.my.af.mil> for information on educational opportunities.

UWF office hours

The University of West Florida will have regular office hours at the Hurlburt Field Education Services Center. The office will be open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome, or to make an appointment call Allan Gold at 884-2723.

UWF IT academy

The University of West Florida's IT Academy will provide several Microsoft certification opportunities for Airmen. Courses begin May 22 in Fort Walton Beach. Online courses begin every week. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (800) 710-3233.

Air Commando Salute



Photograph by Jamie Haig

Senior Airman Shanthenia Griffin

Organization: 16th Operations Group

Duty Title: Information manager

Hometown: Silver Spring, Md.

Hobbies: Playing soccer, volleyball, reading, painting

Mission Contributions:

Airman Griffin is responsible for all computer systems, equipment, and software for the 16th OG command staff, worth more than \$82,000. In addition, she's

the Organizational Defense Travel Administrator responsible for 67 accounts and more than \$136,000 in travel. Airman Griffin is also a volunteer at the Niceville Children's Advocacy Center, providing child care during parental training sessions.

(For information on submitting an Airman for the Air Commando Salute, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.)

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Got him

Tommy Fugler, second baseman for the 25th/39th Information Operations Squadrons combined team, shows the umpire he has the ball after tagging out Willie Stevenson, 505th Command and Control Wing/16th Services Squadron, at second base during the intramural softball game Monday afternoon. The 505th CCW/16th SVS team won the game 10-4, and now has a 3-1 record for the season. The 25/39 IOS team dropped to 3-2 for third place in the American league.



Photograph by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp

Intramural softball action

Comm stays undefeated; OSS rises from ashes

by Master Sgt.
Stuart Camp
Superintendent,
public affairs

There was plenty of scoring on field 2 Tuesday night – in just two games, the four teams pushed 50 runs across home plate in National League intramural softball action.

Extending its unbeaten streak to five games, the 16th Communications Squadron slapped the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron 15-5 in five innings.

Fueled by 17 hits, which looked like a veritable hit parade in the second and fifth innings, the game ended on Jimmy Rogers' RBI single to invoke the 10-run rule. Any team leading by 10 runs after the fifth inning is declared the winner.

CMS put up three runs in

their first at-bat before laying goose eggs on the scoreboard for the next three innings.

The game winning hit belongs to Josh McLaughlin who knocked in a run with his triple in the second inning.

"That's how we hit the ball," said Bill Barrett, 16th CS catcher. "We usually put this many runs up."

OSS vs CES 1

The night's second game on field 2, a fifth inning scoring frenzy propelled the 16th Operations Support Squadron to a 19-11 win over 16th Civil Engineer Squadron 1 team.

Winless after its first three games, OSS has a two-game winning streak alive.

"It was painful going 0 and 3," said Greg McCampbell, 16th OSS.

Things didn't look too promising in the early going

Tuesday night either. OSS didn't score until the third inning when Barry Lott tripled and scored on Craig Sowder's single.

After an OSS seven-run explosion in the top of the fifth inning, CE responded with three runs of its own with four singles in a two-out rally. Down 11-8, Hans Christian slugged the ball off the left field fence, but he was thrown out as he tried to stretch the double into a triple.

Jayson Stewart's bases-loaded double in the sixth inning pushed two runs across, and it eventually proved to be the game-winning hit.

"Timely hitting was the difference," McCampbell said. "We couldn't push anybody across in the early innings. It (hitting) is getting pretty infectious."



Jimmy Rogers, 16th Communications Squadron, lines up beneath a pop-fly Tuesday.

In the bleachers

Adventure Race

A joint Hurlburt Field/Eglin Adventure Race will be held 8:30 a.m. April 29. Participants will kayak for five miles, hike with orienteering for six miles and bike ride over terrain for seven miles.

The race begins at East River off Highway 98 toward Navarre. Categories for doubles include male, female, coed and teen/adult. Male and female single categories are also offered. Limited slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pick up entry forms with detailed information including the race map at any Hurlburt or Eglin fitness center or download them at www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/.

Early registration takes place now through April 15 at \$60 for doubles and \$30 for singles. Late registration runs April 16-27 at \$70 for doubles and \$40 for singles. Participants are responsible for providing a mountain bike with bike helmet. Kayaks and life jackets will be provided by the 16th and 96th Services' squadrons. Call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884/6876 for more details.

Aerobics classes

Fitness centers on base offer a variety of aerobics classes -- body shaping, boot camp, cardio sculpt, cycling, fusion, step, super class, yoga and Pilates. Weekdays, there are classes that begin as early as 6:30 a.m. and as late as 6:15 p.m. For more information, call the fitness centers or visit the website:

https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/pages/fitness_schedule.html

10K race

The Trailblazer 2006 10-kilometer trail run and picnic will be conducted by the Northwest Florida Track Club April 23 at Timberlake Pond. The 6.2-mile course is run on the Eglin range, just Lewis Turner Boulevard. The race begins at 1 p.m., and the picnic will begin as soon as the race is complete. There is a team competition -- three runners, with at least one being a female -- as well as individual categories.

Entry fee is free for NWFTC members or \$5 for non-members. Registration is day-of only. For more information, call Robert Brownfield at 598-3207.

Fiesta Run discount

All active-duty members interested in running the 32nd annual Fiesta Run in Pensacola may register for a discounted price of \$15 if the entry is posted by the April 27 deadline. Entry forms are available at the Pensacola Runners Association website: www.pensacolarunners.com.

Online registration is also available. This year the 10K distance has been designated as the Road Runner's Club of America's Florida 10K championship.

The race begins at 8 a.m. May 6. Buses will take runners from Seville Square to the start from 6 to 7:15 a.m. Buses will also bring 5K finishers back to the park. For more information, contact Ray Yarbrough at 850-476-8765 or e-mail ckraygae@aol.com.

Intramural sports

For more information on intramural sports or standings, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.